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Large Residential Washers from the Republic of Korea and Mexico: Postponement of Preliminary Determinations of Antidumping Duty Investigations

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Postponement of Preliminary Determinations

On January 19, 2012, the Department of Commerce (the Department) initiated antidumping duty investigations of imports of large residential washers from the Republic of Korea (Korea) and Mexico. See Large Residential Washers From the Republic of Korea and Mexico: Initiation of Antidumping Duty Investigations, 77 FR 4007 (January 26, 2012). The notice of initiation stated that we would issue our preliminary determinations no later than 140 days after the date of initiation. Currently, the preliminary determinations in these investigations are due on June 7, 2012.

On May 10, 2012, Whirlpool Corporation (hereafter, the petitioner) made timely requests, pursuant to section 733(c)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and 19 CFR 351.205(e), for a 50-day postponement of the preliminary determinations in the

investigations. The petitioner stated that a postponement of these preliminary determinations is necessary because of the complexities of the investigations, the novelty of the issues raised, and because the Department is still involved in gathering and analyzing data from the respondents.

Under section 733(c)(1)(A) of the Act, if the petitioner makes a timely request for an extension of the period within which the preliminary determination must be made under subsection (b)(1), then the Department may postpone making the preliminary determination under subsection (b)(1) until not later than the 190th day after the date on which the administering authority initiated the investigation. Therefore, for the reasons stated above and because there are no compelling reasons to deny its requests, the Department is postponing the preliminary determinations in these investigations until July 27, 2012, which is 190 days from the date on which the Department initiated these investigations.

The deadline for the final determinations will continue to be 75 days after the date of the preliminary determinations, unless extended.

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 733(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(f)(1).

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